IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michael HECKMEIER et al. Examiner: Shean Chiu Wu

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2007, kindly amend the above-identified application and consider the remarks as follows. A request for a 3-Month Extension of Time is filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

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